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FINAL MEETING SUMMARY

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Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point MRP Team Final Meeting Minutes:

MRP Meeting: February 5, 2008

ATTENDEES: John Myers/MCAS Cherry Point EAD
Jan Nielsen/NAVFAC Mid-Atlantic
George Lane/NCDENR
Gena Townsend/EPA
Tom Roth/CH2M HILL/ Atlanta
Mike Skeeane/CH2M HILL/Charlotte
Ben Redmond/CH2M HILL/Knoxville
Doug Bitterman/CH2M HILL/Virginia Beach

FROM: Mike Skeeane/CH2M HILL
DATE: May 28, 2008

LOCATION

Visitor's Center, Havelock, North Carolina

MINUTES

February 5, 2008

1315 to 1435 hours

The meeting began at 1:15 PM, following a site visit to Cat and Wood Islands. The site visit was attended by the MRP meeting attendees listed above, as well as the following MCAS Cherry Point personnel: Jeff Christopher (EAD), SSgt Brian Munro (EOD), and Sgt Bill Lightner (EOD).

John Myers and Jan Nielsen started the meeting by conducting a run-through of the presentation that they will be giving to the RAB on February 6, 2008. John opened by going through his part of the presentation, which covered the MRP program. Jan followed by discussing community involvement. Mike Skeeane brought up a question regarding the RAB's perception of the initial site ranking. Jan stated that the initial site ranking of Cat Island was conducted to secure funding and was based on conditions known at the time. The score is fluid and may change based on public input and additional information.

A question came up as to the correct name of the bomb target, and Gena Townsend expressed concerns over discrepancies in the naming conventions. The public refers to the subject island as Wood Island, while Navy records refer to it as Cat Island. John does not want the public to get the impression that there was more than one target in Bogue Sound

when there is currently no evidence of that. Jan wants to acknowledge to the public that the team is investigating Wood Island, which is part of the former Cat Island Bomb Target (BT-2) area. Bombing range sites typically consist of an oval area that is based on the aircraft's flight path. The subject investigation area will likely encompass both Cat and Wood Islands. The team decided that in the future, the naming convention would be changed from Cat Island "Bombing Range" to the Former Cat Island Bomb Target (BT-2). John briefly discussed historical letters that he previously provided to CH2M HILL, and that the letters would be included as appendices in the SI Report.

The discussion turned to the importance of moving forward with a community relations plan before continuing efforts on the work plans. A question was posed as to whether there was any Indian or Tribal areas in the vicinity. Gena stated that this is a concern of hers as well. John stated that he had no knowledge of Indian or Tribal areas in the vicinity of the site.

The discussion turned to the public meeting format. The team agreed that an open house format would be better than a formal presentation. The open house meeting would include staffed stations that should make the public feel welcome and would allow better participation for those who may typically be reluctant to speak up. Jan mentioned that the open house formats have worked well in other programs.

Gena suggested that we need to explain to the public that we're looking for ordnance (and that there are safety hazards associated with this, so we need to try to keep people off of the island), but we're also looking for environmental contaminants, which could have health impacts. One of John's slides (for the RAB presentation) states that the team is looking at both munitions and environmental concerns. Ben Redmond recommended a point of clarification, that ordnance, when used alone, refers to a broad family of the munitions program including munitions, ammunition, tents, trucks, supplies, etc. It is better to use small arms when referring to ammunition up to 50 caliber, and munitions when referring to items above 50 caliber.

Doug Bitterman asked about the schedule for the public meeting. Jan and John suggested it would likely be four months out (in the June time frame), and that there would be another RAB meeting before the first larger public meeting.

There was a brief discussion about the Site Inspection (SI) process, and that the first step is an investigation to see what will need to be done during future investigations. Gena suggested that the team needs to let the RAB know that there will be multiple field visits and that the process will include several steps.

Gena asked if the investigation for the Skeet & Trap Range #1 site would be conducted on land (the beach area) and in the water. Jan stated that the investigation would be conducted on land and in the water. Gena asked about the bioavailability of lead, PAHs, and other contaminants associated with the Skeet & Trap Range #1 site. Mike will check on bioavailability of the contaminants.

There was a brief discussion regarding ownership of Cat and Wood Islands. Jan asked Mike to conduct a title search on both Cat and Wood Islands to determine current ownership (to document that the Navy owns them).

George Lane asked if there were more than one set of coordinates for the bomb target, and if the target coordinates were on Wood Island. John replied that there were several sets of coordinates. However, the multiple sets of coordinates appeared to be due to survey accuracy corrections, not moving the target. The island known locally as Wood Island has always been the target.

A question was asked about the constituents used in the bombs. Jan replied that chemical weapons were not used at this site.

The discussion turned to signage on Wood Island. Jan noted that the current signs on Wood Island do not say "Warning". John noted that the signs need to be provided and installed in accordance with OPNAV 5 (NAVSEA OP 5 Signage). Ben Redmond is familiar with the signage requirements and can provide additional details. During review of the meeting minutes, Ben provided a comment indicating that OP 5 does not contain guidance on signage, and that the Navy defers to Army regulations for range signs. Jan asked if the signage would be considered a Time Critical Removal Action (TCRA). John and Gena replied that providing NAVSEA OP 5 standard signage would be time critical. John can provide NAVSEA OP 5 signage requirements.

The group then viewed photographs from the site visit to Cat and Wood Islands earlier in the day. According to the photographs, the following signs currently exist on or near Wood Island:

- "U.S. GOVT. PROPERTY, NO TRESPASSING" (posted on Wood Island)
- "COLONIAL WATERBIRD NESTING AREA, NORTH CAROLINA WILDLIFE RESOURCES COMMISSION, ENTRY PROHIBITED APRIL 1 - AUGUST 31, NORTH CAROLINA NONGAME & ENDANGERED WILDLIFE FUND, North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission, 512 N. Salisbury St., Raleigh, NC, 27604-1188" (posted on Wood Island)
- "CLOSED AREA, UNLAWFUL TO HARVEST CLAMS WITH MECHANICAL GEAR, N.C. MARINE FISHERIES" (posted off shore of Wood Island)

Gena asked about the schedule for the Skeet & Trap Range #1 site. Jan responded that the Work Plans for the former Cat Island Bomb Target (BT-2) and the former Skeet & Trap Range #1 are currently being developed in parallel, but their schedules may be dictated by Protocol ratings in the future. Gena stated that we need to continue working on the Skeet & Trap Range #1 Work Plan to comply with site close-outs at Cherry Point by 2014.

John stated that we would need to address the FUDS site in the future.

The meeting adjourned at 14:35.

Action Items

- 02-08-1 CH2M HILL will prepare and present a training presentation on the Protocol at the May 2008 RAB meeting.
- 02-08-2 Mike will check on bioavailability of potential contaminants (lead, PAHs, others) associated with the Skeet & Trap Range #1 site.
- 02-08-3 Mike will initiate a title search on both Cat and Wood Islands to determine current ownership.
- 02-08-4 John or Ben will provide information to the group regarding NAVSEA OP 5 signage requirements.

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From: Nielsen, Janice L CIV NAVFAC MidLant
Sent: Thursday, May 29, 2008 9:36 AM
To: Capito, Bonnie P CIV NAVFAC Lant
Subject: MRP: Final MCAS Cherry Point MRP Team Meeting Minutes 2-5-2008

Attachments: Final MCAS Cherry Point MRP Team Meeting Minutes 2-5-2008.pdf



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Bonnie: the attached meeting minutes document the regulatory stakeholders involvement for the MRP program for Former Cat Island Bomb Target (BT-2), the Surrounding Safety Danger Zone and the Skeet and Trap Range. V/R Jan Nielsen

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Team,

Please find attached the Final MCAS Cherry Point MRP Team Meeting Minutes from the 2-5-2008 meeting in Havelock. (I received final notification of comments or no comments in April.)

Please let me know if you have any questions regarding the attached minutes.

Thanks
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